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a latch handle pivotally mounted to said door; and

a latch actuator pivotally mounted to said door, said latch handle pivoting in one direction, said latch actuator pivoting in another direction, said handle selectively positionable between an open position and a closed position to couple said door to the appliance via said door retainer projection.

7. (twice amended) A door latch assembly in accordance with Claim 6 wherein the dishwasher further includes a tub assembly, said latch assembly further comprising a keeper attached to the door assembly for engaging said door retainer projection

16. (three times amended) A door assembly for a dishwasher, said door assembly comprising:

an escutcheon comprising a latch portion;

a latch handle pivotally mounted to said escutcheon about a first longitudinal axis; and

a latch actuator pivotally mounted to said escutcheon about a second longitudinal axis, said latch handle contacting said latch actuator when rotated about said first longitudinal axis in a first direction and causing said latch actuator to rotate about said second longitudinal axis in a second direction opposite said first direction.

17. (once amended) A door assembly in accordance with Claim 16, said latch handle comprising a closed handle stop portion contacting said latch portion in a closed position.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed April 14, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Claims.

Claims 1-19 are now pending in this application. Claims 11-15 and 19 are allowed. Claims 1-10 and 16-18 stand rejected.